

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**Hearing Date:** November 17, 2007

**Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations:** Supervised Professional Experience

**Section Affected:** 1387(a)(2)(A)

**Specific Purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal:**

The proposed amendment to section 1387(a)(2)(A) is to accept postdoctoral supervised professional experience (SPE) for applicants in a formal postdoctoral training program which is a member of the California Psychology Internship Council (CAPIC).

**Factual Basis/Rationale**

Currently, existing subsection 1387(a)(2)(A) allows applicants for licensure as a psychologist to accrue postdoctoral supervised professional experience in a formal postdoctoral training program (among other settings), which is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) or which is a member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC). The board is amending section 1387(a)(2)(A) to include SPE in a formal postdoctoral training program, which is a member of CAPIC.

A revision to Business and Professions Code section 2911 became effective on January 1, 2006, although the revision allowed acceptance of CAPIC they were not accepting postdoctoral membership at that time. Since then, CAPIC has created a postdoctoral membership status, therefore, the board is amending section 1387(a)(2)(A) to include supervised professional experience in a formal postdoctoral training program which is a member of CAPIC and registration with the board is not required.

**Underlying Data**

SB 229, Chapter 658, Statutes of 2005 (Attachment A)  
Letter from Robert Perl, Psy.D., CAPIC Board of Directors (Attachment B)

**Business Impact**

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses as it merely offers applicants for licensure as a psychologist in California another option for meeting the licensing requirements.

**Specific Technologies or Equipment**

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

**Consideration of Alternatives**

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.